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## (U) CALIFORNIA

# (U) Los Gatos—Another California JCC Bomb Threat Highlights Continuing National Problem

(U) The Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center evacuated its facility yesterday in response to a bomb threat, with authorities later determining it to be a hoax. Authorities cleared the building of any danger at 3:50 p.m., police said, adding that a local and federal investigation into the source of the threat is ongoing. Meanwhile, US and British investigators say there is evidence that some of the bomb threats that have occurred since 7 January are linked to both countries. In addition, more than 140 Jewish community center leaders sent a letter to US Attorney General Jeff Sessions yesterday expressing frustration with the progress made in the investigation.

SOURCE: 9 March 2017, Mercury News and Reuters and Reuters

#### (U) San Francisco—Two Injured in Latest Freeway Shooting

(U) A major Northern California freeway was shut down during the evening commute yesterday after two motorists were shot and wounded. The victims were targeted, and three possible suspects have been detained in what was the fourth shooting on an area freeway in the last two weeks. Authorities arrested three suspects last week and charged them with shooting at an off-duty Oakland police officer while driving on a freeway in nearby Oakland. Investigators say they are looking into whether the officer was targeted and are trying to determine a motive for the latest shootings.

SOURCE: 9 March 2017, Sacramento Bee

# (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) New York—Two Dozen People Charged in Gun Trafficking Ring

(U) New York—A gun-trafficking ring in Virginia brought more than 200 legally purchased weapons to New York, where they unwittingly sold them to an undercover detective, according to a recently unsealed indictment. In the operation, authorities recovered 217 guns, including 41 assault weapons like AK-47s, AR-15s and a Thompson submachine gun, leading to the indictment of 627 counts charged to 24 people. The acting Brooklyn district attorney said the case highlighted the need for federal gun control to help stem the flow of illegal guns from the South coming up the I-95 corridor to New York, a stretch the authorities call the "Iron Pipeline."

SOURCE: 8 March 2017, New York Times

# (U) Tennessee—Second Confirmation of Avian Flu, Say State Officials

(U) Nashville—Tennessee officials have confirmed that a second commercial breeding poultry operation in Tennessee has tested positive for the avian flu. Officials said the latest chicken-breeding operation to be infected is owned by a different company and investigators do not believe that chickens at one farm sickened those at the other facility. The latest confirmation is a facility located in Giles County, which lies south of Nashville and is close to the Alabama state line.

SOURCE: 9 March 2017, Associated Press

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## (U) INTERNATIONAL

## (U) Germany—Nine Injured in Train Station Ax Attack

(U) Duesseldorf—Nine people, including two Italian tourists, were injured when a man randomly attacked passengers with an ax in Duesseldorf's main train station yesterday. The suspect, a 36-year-old man from Kosovo, was arrested shortly after the attack, and police say there was no indication that the attack was politically or religiously motivated. Medical documents found at the man's home in nearby Wuppertal indicated that the suspect had been diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, according to police. The man, who was granted temporary residency for humanitarian reasons, will be charged with nine counts of attempted manslaughter.

SOURCE: 10 March 2017, Associated Press

## (U) Germany—Police Break up Suspected Online Crime Ring

(U) Berlin—German police have raided over 120 apartments and business premises across the country in an investigation into a suspected online crime ring, according to the BKA federal police. Eleven suspected administrators of the crimenetwork.biz online forum are accused of forming a criminal group, with the users being investigated on of suspicion for fraud, computer fraud, receiving stolen data and money laundering as well as illegally trading drugs, medicines and weapons. The forum served solely to allow its members to agree on crimes or carry out crimes, Bavaria's state office of criminal investigation said.

SOURCE: 8 March 2017, Reuters

## **SOUTHWEST BORDER**

#### (U) California—\$1.4 Million in Oxycodone Seized at Otay Mesa Border

(U) San Diego—A 22-year-old woman was arrested yesterday on suspicion of trying to smuggle \$1.4 million worth of addictive painkillers across the Otay Mesa border crossing. The 47,340 tablets found in a hidden compartment under the woman's car represent the largest seizure of oxycodone along the US-Mexico border in at least five years, according to the US Attorney's Office. The woman, Adriana Morfin-Paniagua, a US citizen living in Tijuana, was charged with importing a controlled substance. If convicted, she faces up to 22 years in prison.

SOURCE: 9 March 2017, San Diego Union-Tribune

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